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FOR VISIT BY SECRETARY

REF: LUXEMBOURG 108

1. LONGSTANDING USG POLICY RE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT OF
CANDIDACIES FOR GA OFFICES, INCLUDING PRESIDENCY, IS TO
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STATE WE DEFER TAKING POSITION UNTIL WE KNOW PREFERENCE OF

REGIONAL GROUP DIRECTLY CONCERNED. IN THIS CASE, THE RECOGNIZED GROUP IS THE QTE WEST EUROPEAN AND OTHERS UNQTE GROUP. THERE IS NO EC-NINE GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF GA CANDIDACIES. ACCORDING USUN 489, LUXEMBOURG PERM REP EXPECTS REQUEST WEO MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. IF WEOS ENDORSE THORN CANDIDACY, WE WOULD EXPECT COMMIT OUR SUPPORT SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SINCE IT APPEARS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS WEO TURN TO HOLD GA PRESIDENCY.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM THORN 1) WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN OF HIS CANDIDACY; 2) WE DO NOT TAKE POSITION ON CANDIDACIES FOR GA OFFICES UNTIL WE KNOW PREFERENCES OF REGIONAL GROUPS DIRECTLY CONCERNED; 3) WE PLAN INDICATE TO GOL OUR SUPPORT IF HIS CANDIDACY RECEIVES WEO ENDORSEMENT AND WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH HIM AS UNGA PRESIDENT.

3. AS TO A STOPOVER BY THE SECRETARY IN LUXEMBOURG ON HIS NEXT EUROPEAN TRIP, YOU SHOULD TELL THORN THAT THE SECRETARY'S PLANS ARE NOT FIRM ALTHOUGH HE IS KEEPING IN MIND HIS COMMITMENT TO VISIT LUXEMBOURG AT SOME POINT.
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